



Truro Sport Heritage Society

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Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame

2007 Induction Ceremony

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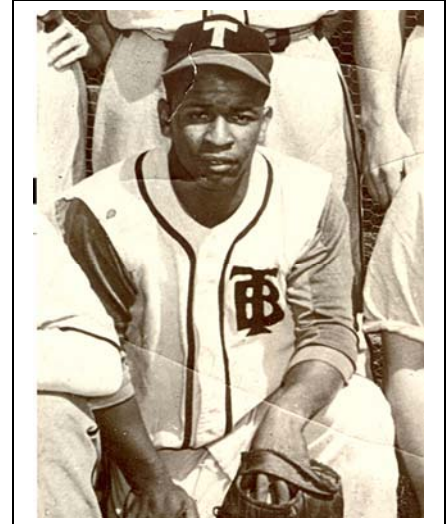


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Gordon Maxwell

Gordie Maxwell could flat out play. Whether it was baseball, hockey, or fastball, Gordie excelled at every level and usually against men bigger and older. He started playing intermediate ball at age 13 and rapidly became a household name in Truro. His mentors were some of the legendary names of Truro ball diamonds. So good was Gordie that Bathurst offered him a mill job so he could play ball there. His time in Truro saw him coveted by both Truro and Bible Hill, especially at playoff time. And then came 1957. In what could truly be called one of Truro's great sport moments, Gordie and his fellow Atlantic Electric's Juveniles won the Maritime championship. In the process they swept Springhill, Fairview, Glace Bay, and Moncton. Gordie averaged at least 2 hits a game and played a stellar shortstop. Always in high demand, his baseball skills were displayed on teams like the legendary Truro Sheiks, Londonderry, and Bible Hill. In hockey, his brilliant stick handling and play making earned him MVP in just his second year in the famed Truro and District League playing for the Hilden Owls. He subsequently played for Bible Hill and Shubenacadie. In Sudbury he played spectacular hockey on a line with lightning fast Bobby Mentis and future NHL-er Frank St. Marseilles. In a career marked by superlatives, Gordie also won a batting title while playing fastball in 1961 against some of Ontario's best pitchers. Gordie, we welcome you to your honoured place in our Sports Heritage Wall of Fame. Well done.

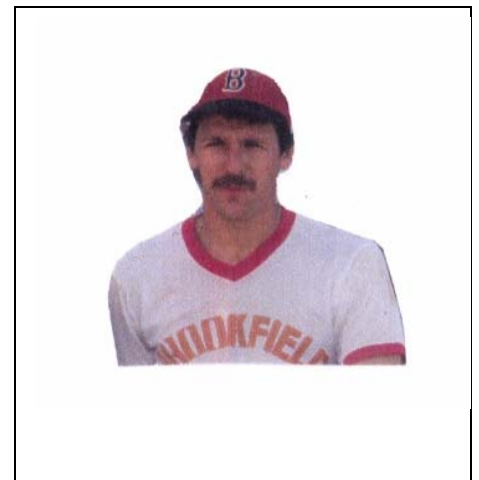


Viv Hoar

"Living life to the fullest." If ever a cliché filled the bill it's this one referring to Viv Hoar. The community knows this spark plug through her innumerable acts of charity, kindness, and volunteerism. Communities are the richer for people like Viv Hoar, but Truro and area is very blessed to have her in our midst. But there are other sides of Viv. She is the only charter member of the Truro Ladies' Curling Club - elected so 90 years of age. She was a tremendous softball pitcher in her younger years, and won a plethora of awards for ice skating. She is Past President and Honourary Life Member of the Curling and Tennis Clubs. She skipped six provincial curling championship teams. To appreciate her athleticism, visit the tennis club anytime after the snow melts. Viv is playing tennis, very competitively with people many years her junior. To doubly appreciate her athleticism watch her draw to the button on a cold day in February. Add to her very impressive resume the fact that she taught tap dancing to over sixty students. She was Volunteer of the Year for Nova Scotia. One anecdote perhaps more than any other sums up what Viv Hoar is all about. The Scottish Ladies Canadian Tour stopped in Truro in 2005. "Greetings were extended by the Mayor, the MLA, and the Club President. Vivian Hoar brought the house to its feet when she nailed the button with her ceremonial first stone. You are and always have been a remarkable person, Viv. The Sports Hall of Fame salutes your addition to its Wall of Fame.

Robert Putnam

It wouldn't be a stretch to apply Pete Rose's nickname of Charlie Hustle on Robert. Whether it was a fastball diamond, basketball court, or on the ice - hockey or curling, "Putty" and hustle were second nature. From his first experiences on the diamond under the tutelage of John Matheson to his gold medal in Saskatoon, Robert made an indelible mark on fastball and sports in this area. Consider the following: He was Rookie of the Year in Senior A fastball in 1974. He subsequently won three MVP awards and a league all star for many years. He was a great pitcher, a great hitter, an outstanding infielder, and merely brilliant in the outfield. But above all, Putty was the very epitome of a team player. In 1980 he pitched five innings against Saskatoon for the Canadian Championship. He was relieved in the sixth inning and left the mound for right field where he made a circus catch late in the game. He was an outstanding basketball player in his school days and a very valuable member of a great Bearcats hockey club in the early seventies - a team that won a silver medal at the Canada Games. In 1986, the Brookfield Athletic Association named him the Brookfield Elk of the half century. We welcome a richly deserving athlete to join the legends of sports in our community. Well done, Robert.



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Jim MacAfee

Jim MacAfee was born in Fredericton in 1946 and that was the last time anyone called him little. His larger than life persona and his fiery, combative, and competitive nature were instilled in him by legendary New Brunswick coach, Leroy Washburn. His late brother once bested him in the shot put in grade VI. It was never to happen again and his brother had become his inspiration. Jim's first love was track and field and when he was barely 15 years old, set a still - standing record at the Mt. A Spring Meet of 186'11" in the discus. It was said that Jim's alma mater, Fredericton High, often won provincial track meets on the strength of his performances. In grade IX, Jim was introduced to rugby and by at least 5 years, he was the youngest player on the Fredericton Loyalist Sr. Rugby team. In the fall of 1966, he enrolled at NSAC and immediately made an athletic impact. Fate would have it, his coach at NSAC was also his practicum teacher at Fredericton High School. Jim played basketball, soccer, and anchored those great woodsmen teams. For two years running he was chosen Athlete of the Year. He played rugby for the New Brunswick Senior All Stars from 1969 - 1971 and played for the hall of Fame Pictou County squad from 1972 - 1975. In 1975 he co-founded the Truro Saints Rugby Club and to this day, Jim claims that the highlight of this experience was the team's work ethic, both on and off the field. They paid their own way and managed to play in two provincial finals. His introduction to the Highland Games Strongman competitions came on a whim after a phone call from Jim Sears. MacAfee went on to star for years in the caber toss, the hammer throw, and came within a couple of inches of a world's record in the sheaf toss - something he credits his NSAC experience to. Jim was a very positive influence with respect to mentoring many young athletes and directing their athletic experiences and in life skills. His pride and joy was his involvement with the rugby Indoor Sevens. He was instrumental in writing the rules and nurturing it from its infancy. It is now a major tournament of which Jim is immensely proud. We welcome you Jim to your proud place on our Sports Wall of Fame.

Bob Gogan

"In the greatest game of life, wins and losses are incidental to the question: Did you give it your best and did you play fairly?" In Bob Gogan's case, yes to both of these questions. His softball career spanned twenty years, starting with schools in Halifax in 1945 and culminating with a provincial intermediate championship playing for the Hall of Fame North River Aces. In between he played in college, the Halifax Senior League, won a Maritime Senior Championship in 1953 and played with many very good teams in Truro. He umpired championship games in the first Canada Summer Games, the National Men's Championship and National Women's Championship. He was also asked to give umpire clinics throughout the province in the 1980's. His hockey career saw him star with QEH in Halifax; was granted special permission to play with the Bearcats in the respected APC league; and eventually was awarded the most improved player honour with the Acadia Axemen. In 2004, Bob was inducted into the Acadia Hall of Honour, not only for hockey, but also for some exceptional track and field exploits with fellow Acadian, Terry Henderson, specializing in the 100 and 200 yard dashes, and the 440 relays. He even had time to referee in the Valley while at Acadia and in the great NS Senior League of the early 60's. He played football with QEH and with Dartmouth Arrows senior football club. Bob excelled in curling. Four times he represented Truro in Junior Championships, finishing second twice. Three times he was the senior representative. Twice his rink represented Truro Legion in Senior's playdowns, and for icing on the cake, skipped a North river team to an undefeated season in Brookfield. Bob was a master equestrian, winning local, regional and one National Driving Championship. You are a most worthy inductee, Bob. Welcome to your spot on our Honour Roll Wall of Fame.



Congratulations to All of our Inductees!

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The *Truro Sport Heritage Society* is pleased to honour these fine athletes and sport contributors as the 2007 Inductees to the "Wall of Fame" located at the newly established, *Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame*. This is an exciting time for the Society and for our community, to induct five new members into our permanent home - a place to celebrate our sport heritage, highlight the achievements and successes of our local athletes, coaches and volunteers and foster sport development and participation throughout Colchester County. The Hall of Fame consists of all our past Honor Roll inductees, who were inducted over the past 23 years at our Annual Sport Awards Dinner. We welcome and congratulate all the Hall of Fame recipients. We also extend thanks to all previous board members for their contributions to the Truro Sport Heritage Society over the years.

The Society would also like to recognize and thank the following individuals and businesses for helping to make the official opening and the first inaugural induction ceremony a huge success!

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Up Coming Truro Sport Heritage Society Events

- **Annual Sport Awards Dinner**
Best Western Glengarry Convention Centre
Thursday, March 6, 2008